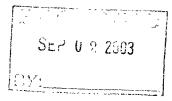


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August 13, 2003



Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter will serve as a 30-day notification pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 that NBTY Inc. is using the following statements on the MSM supplements under the PhysioLogics brand name:

- For Joint Health
- MSM (Methylsulfonylmethane) is an organic source of sulfur, a mineral that is vital in the formation of collagen, connective tissue, and healthy joint cartilage.

The above statements are accompanied by the required disclaimer pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act.

Sincerely,

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